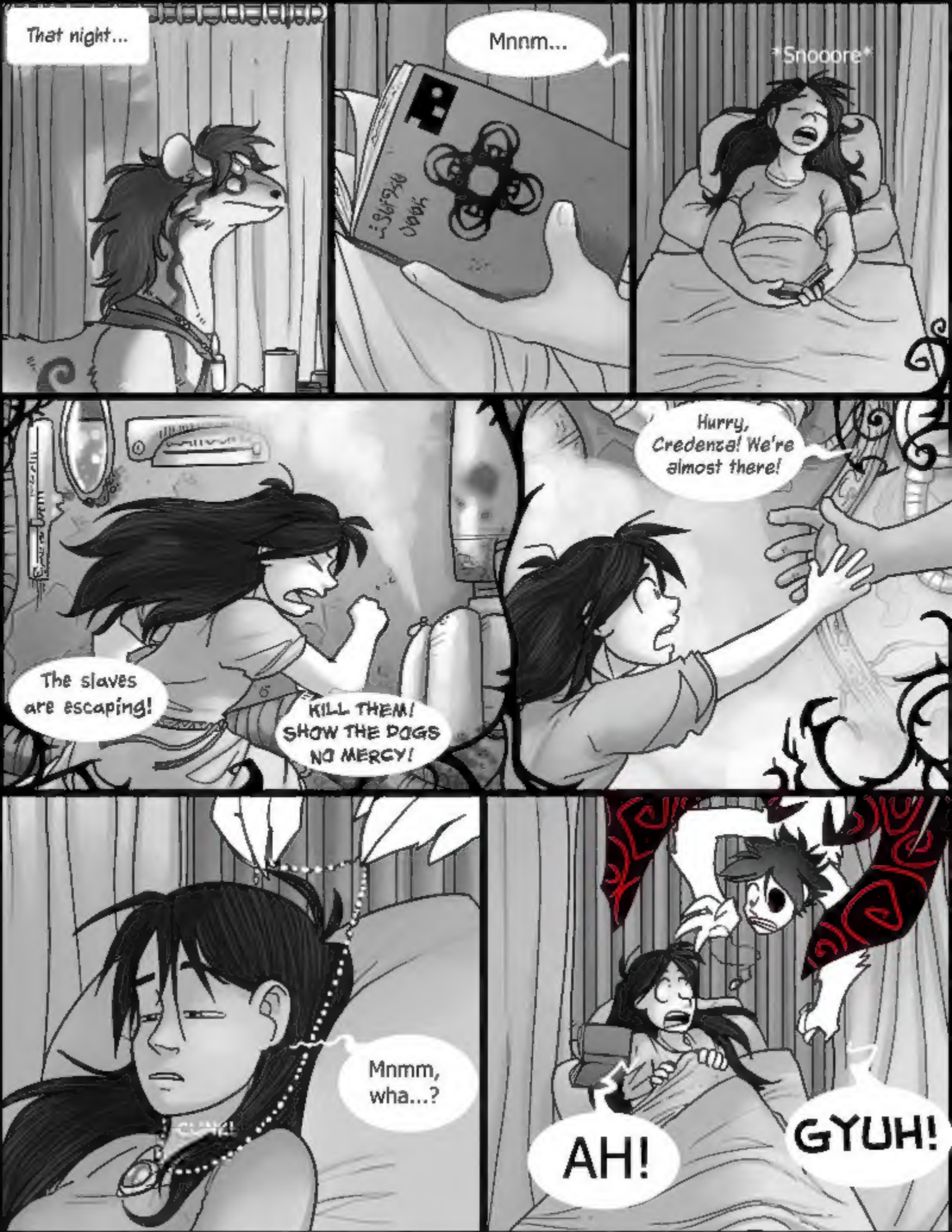
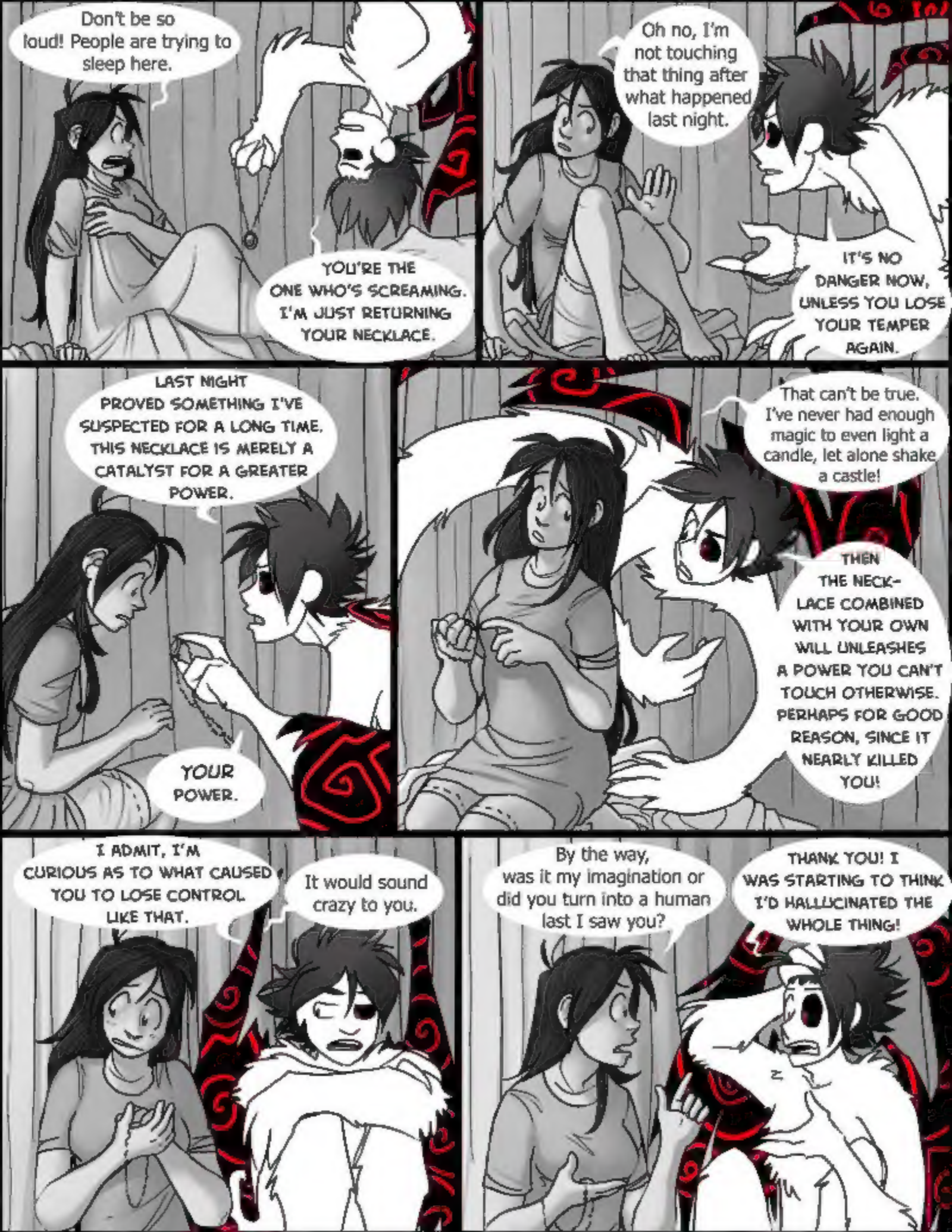

That night...
Mnnm...
Snoooore
Hurry, Credenza! We're almost there!
The slaves are escaping!
KILL THEM! SHOW THE DOGS NO MERCY!
Mnmm, wha...?
AH!
GYUH!


Don't be so loud! People are trying to sleep here.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S SCREAMING. I'M JUST RETURNING YOUR NECKLACE.
Oh no, I'm not touching that thing after what happened last night.
IT'S NO DANGER NOW, UNLESS YOU LOSE YOUR TEMPER AGAIN.
LAST NIGHT PROVED SOMETHING I'VE SUSPECTED FOR A LONG TIME. THIS NECKLACE IS MERELY A CATALYST FOR A GREATER POWER.
YOUR POWER.
That can't be true. I've never had enough magic to even light a candle, let alone shake a castle!
THEN THE NECK-LACE COMBINED WITH YOUR OWN WILL UNLEASHES A POWER YOU CAN'T TOUCH OTHERWISE. PERHAPS FOR GOOD REASON, SINCE IT NEARLY KILLED YOU!
I ADMIT, I'M CURIOUS AS TO WHAT CAUSED YOU TO LOSE CONTROL LIKE THAT.
It would sound crazy to you.
By the way, was it my imagination or did you turn into a human last I saw you?
THANK YOU! I WAS STARTING TO THINK I'D HALLUCINATED THE WHOLE THING!

WITH ALL THAT MAGIC YOU GAVE OFF, I KNEW ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN. STILL, THE CREATION OF A HUMAN BODY, EVEN A TEMPORARY ONE, AMAZES ME.
I don't see why. Women have been making new humans since the dawn of time!
What surprises me is that you and Blitz have been cut loose from each other!
THAT ASPECT OF THE SPELL AT LEAST SEEMS PERMANENT. I AM GRATEFUL NEITHER BLITZ NOR I WERE HURT BY IT.
How can you be so calm about this? I turned you into a human! Didn't that feel weird? What was it like?
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A HUMAN! YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.
How can I understand if you won't even talk to me?
WHEN I WAS FIRST CREATED, I WAS A PART OF THE RAVEN. WHEN ANTHONY DESTROYED HIS EYE, HE CUT ME OFF FROM MY CREATOR. EVEN THEN BLITZ WAS THERE, AN ANNOYING BUT FAITHFUL COMPANION.
WHEN A NEW BODY SURROUNDED MY SOUL, EVEN FOR A SECOND, THE CONNECTION BETWEEN ME AND BLITZ WAS CUT.
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I WAS FREE OF ANY TIE OR BOND TO ANOTHER BEING.
WITH THIS FREEDOM, I AM SHOCKED THAT ALL I SEEM TO FEEL IS...
LONELINESS.
IS THAT ALL THERE IS TO BEING HUMAN? LONELINESS?
No one is truly alone if someone cares about them.
THEN BY YOUR OWN ADMISSION, I AM UTTERLY ALONE.
As long as I'm alive there will be someone who cares about you, Raven.
Kiss

Riley's room...
Z
Riley!
snort!
Riley! Wake up!
You know about females, right?!
Deeps take you, what are you doing in my room?!
YOU GOT A FEMALE, YOU KNOW ABOUT THESE THINGS!
WHAT WOULD YOU GIVE A FEMALE THAT YOU WANTED TO ATTRACT?!
Anf, what time is it? Women, uh, chocolate? Flowers? They like shiny jewelry.
JEWELRY! I CAN DO THAT! I'M SURE I COULD FIND SOME SPARE PARTS FROM THE SUBMARINE...
Mmph... crazy birdman...
How many drinks did I have?! I don't even remember how I got here.
THAT'S FUNNY, NEITHER DO I.
GYAH!

Time passes peacefully...
... for the most part.
YOU'RE GIVING US WHAT?!
SPARE PARTS
Don't be coy, Riley, you've been coveting Piskadoradi since we were children, and when you dropped that subtle hint...
Mikel, I mentioned that with five people we'd be kind of cramped as we travelled.
I wasn't suggesting you give us your giant personal submarine!

Mikel, you love this sub! Dora's always been your baby!
sigh She certainly is. The finest sub in the Quillotian fleet.
But I have a real baby now, and a Quillotian court turned upside-down.
Let my submarine go with you on this great quest, even if I cannot.
Mikel...
Hey, don't think I've gone soft now! I'll still execute you if you so much as dent her!
Like I could live with myself if I harmed her! Let go already!
Off with his head! Ha ha ha!
"SIGH..."
Aren't you going to say goodbye, Tuff? Who knows how long it will be until you see Mikel again!
GOODBYES WEREN'T NEEDED THE LAST TIME I LEFT HOME. I LIKE IT THAT WAY.
You wouldn't say that if you knew what it was like to have someone you love near you at one moment, and have them gone the next.
I never got to say goodbye to my parents. Don't let this chance pass you by.

They are leaving Quillotia...
You can tell that just by reading the book?
I can just sense the other half of the book, but it is a struggle to read this half.
I can feel it fighting me.
I must tell the captain. He will be plotting our next move as we speak.
AAURRHG!
Captain? Is something wrong?
WRONG?! IT'S A HORROR! A TRAGEDY! A DISASTER!
NONE OF MY SHOES FIT ANYMORE!

I'm through with you!
Do what you will to me, but I'm not your slave.
Not anymore...
...and never again!
What a crazy dream.
-dark.
ZWINK!
LUCINDA! I need to talk to you about those herbal teas you keep giving me before bed.
I think they're starting to affect my dreams.
Lucinda is that you? Why are you wandering about in the-
clink RATTLE!

SHUT
Creeeak
~plllbt!
CLICK!
scratch
scratch
Lucinda! Could you explain exactly what you've been putting in my tea?!

IT'S CERTAINLY MUCH STURDIER. I WAS STARTING TO FEEL SOME ARTHRITIS IN MY ANKLE.
IT WOULD BE MUCH MORE CONVENIENT TO SIMPLY OIL MY JOINTS EVERY TIME THEY BECAME STIFF.
WE MUST REMAIN POSITIVE AFTER ALL.
I'M SURE YOU ARE PROUD OF YOUR COMPOSURE, BUT HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT YOU LOST YOUR LEG IN OUR DEFEAT?!
MY HOLD OVER THE KING'S COURT IS GONE, THANKS TO THAT GIRL! HOW COULD A HUMAN COMMAND THAT KIND OF POWER?
REALLY MY FRIEND, YOU WORRY TOO MUCH.
THE GIRL DOES PRESENT AN INTERESTING PROBLEM. WE SHALL SOLVE IT THE SAME WAY AS ANY PUZZLE.
ONE PIECE AT A TIME.